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# PETITION REQUESTING A RECOUNT

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(The following petition may be used for requesting a recount as provided by Section 212.001 of the Texas Election Code.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ (name of presiding officer of canvassing authority)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request a recount for the \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election and name of political subdivision) election for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (identify the office for which a recount is desired (e.g., County Commissioner, Precinct #1)).

Check one or more of the applicable grounds:

- ( ) Difference between number of votes received by petitioner and number of votes received by person who was elected or is entitled to a place on the runoff election ballot is less than 10% of the number of votes received by the person elected or entitled to a place on the runoff ballot; OR
- ( ) Number of votes received by all candidates is less than 1000; OR
- ( ) Electronic system used in election; OR
- ( ) An election judge swears that he or she counted paper ballots incorrectly (must also be certified by the secretary of state).

Identify each election precinct for which a recount is being requested and identify the method of voting used in each precinct:

election precinct(s) and voting system used

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If an electronic system was used in the election, I request a manual (by-hand) count/electronic count (circle one).

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Signature of Person(s) or agent of person(s) requesting recount

List Recount Requestor(s) name, residence address, voter registration number (if authorization to obtain the recount is based on eligibility to vote in the election), and county of registration (if the election covers territory in more than one county):

Name	Residence Address	Voter Registration No.\County
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Provide the name and mailing address and at least one phone number for each opposing candidate (or agent):

Name of Opposing Candidate or Agent	Mailing Address	Phone Number
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## Instructions

1. For a county or precinct level county office, the petition is submitted to the county judge and to the county chair in primaries. For state and district offices, the petition is submitted to the secretary of state. For a municipal election, the petition is submitted to the mayor. For a school district election, the petition is submitted to the president of the school board. For all other elections, submit the petition to the presiding officer of the board of directors.
2. Types of electronic voting systems include punch card, which is a ballot by which a voter makes punches, optical scan---in which hand marked paper ballots are read by a light sensitive scanner, and Direct Recording Electronic systems, in which the voter votes directly onto a touch screen device.
3. The amount of the deposit is determined as follows:
  - a. Paper ballots – 5 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).
  - b. Optical scanner ballots (hand count) – 5 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).

Note: If you are using a direct recording device that is capable of printing the ballot images of each ballot, you should use the amount of deposit accessed for the hand-counted optical scan recount.
  - c. Punch card ballots (hand count) – 10 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).
  - d. Punch or optical scanner ballots (electronic count) – 3 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).
  - e. Voting machines, no write-in votes counted – 2 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).
  - f. Any system, only write-in votes counted – 2 x hourly rate paid to election judges (per precinct).
  - g. The deposit can never be less than \$50.

Note: Early voting is considered as one separate precinct for purposes of determining the deposit.

Deposit must be a cashier's check.
4. When identifying precincts to be recounted, all precincts contained within the territory from which the office is elected must be included unless exceptions under Sections 212.136 and 212.137 apply.